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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CODIB Support Staff

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the CODIB Working Group
on Hard-To-Get Publications for FY 1966

1. The Working Group began operations with an effort to compile a coordinated inter-agency want list of hard-to-get USSR publications. USSR publications were picked as the first effort partly because they represent one of the high interest collection targets and partly because the Russian patent exchange proposal offered an immediate opportunity to put this want list to practical use.

2. The USSR offer to exchange their publications for three additional sets of U.S. patents was made to the U.S. Commissioner of Patents during a visit to the Soviet Union in 1965. The dollar value of the three sets of U.S. patents is approximately \$75,000. The Soviet offer was to provide to the U.S. items not available through other means. If the Soviets were willing to follow through on this proposal, many items on the hard-to-get list would become available. A preliminary list of desired serials was submitted to the Soviets in 1965. The Soviets were asked to provide in exchange for the three sets of patents (1) the items on the preliminary list of serials with a provision that the list can be revised each year, (2) three copies of all Soviet and candidate doctoral dissertations and (3) any monographs listed in Knizhnaya Letopis' up to a dollar value of \$25,000. While these proposals favor the Russians very heavily in terms of the dollar or ruble value of the items exchange, the Russians seem rather reluctant to go ahead with the proposal and still have not replied.

3. One of the problems that arose very early in the compilation of the list of hard-to-get items was the question of including classified publications in this listing. The Secretary of CODIB and the Chairman of Task Team III informed the Chairman that the intention of CODIB was that this group should not concern itself

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with classified items. All classified items have been removed from the draft of the listing which is now being compiled.

(4) ^{Five} ~~Several~~ items which previously had been high priority want items for most of the agencies were removed from the want list at the beginning of calendar 1966 when the Soviets released them for sale through regular distribution outlets. These titles were: Voyenno-Meditsinskiy Zhurnal, Vestnik Protivovozdushnoy Oborony, Tekhnika i Vooruzheniye, Tyl i Snabzheniye Sovetskikh Vooruzhennykh Sil, and Optiko-Mekhanicheskaya Promyshlennost'.

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5. Submission of the latest draft of the want list to the members of the working group is being held pending the release of the Soviet list of serials available for sale in calendar 1967. This list should be available early in August and could cause deletions or additions to the want list depending on what the Soviets offer for open sale in 1967.

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